4TH SENATE DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of May 27-June 2, 2012



#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

WI 1st Youth

Department presents...

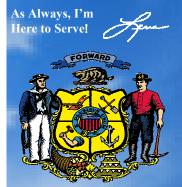
Bowties and BBQ

Older men teaching our younger men how to grill and live a godly life that is 'tied tight.'

Jurisdictional Headquarters
June 9, 2012
11 AM—2 PM
\$10 donation for grilled lunch

#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.



### Massive June 5 Recall Turnout Expected

The General Elections Board has projected that the voter turnout for next Tuesday's special Recall election will reach numbers unheard of in a non-presidential election. Ordinarily, about 50 to 52 percent of Wisconsinites vote in governor races, but this election may see as much as 65 percent voter turnout. It seems likely that between 2.6 million and 2.8 million



individuals will vote on June 5th. Already, more than 130,000 absentee ballots have been cast throughout Wisconsin. In such an important and ground-breaking election, it is more important than ever that you participate in democracy! The special Recall election is the most important Wisconsin election in over fifty years. Remember to vote! Let your voice be heard!

### Support Justice for Victims of Pollution



After majority Republicans refused to hold a formal hearing, Democratic Legislators hosted a listening session for the victims of a recent scandal at the Department of Natural Resources. The scandal involved political appointee Scott Gunderson's suspicious reluctance in fining a polluter who contributed

to one of Gunderson's electoral campaigns. Though the DNR has refused to pay for environmental testing of nearby wells, I strongly believe that either the DNR or the polluter, Oconomowoc waste hauler Richard Herr, should pay for safety tests. Innocent citizens should not have to pay for the irresponsibility of a few! Pollution is a serious issue in Wisconsin, and justice must be served!

## Where Does Walker's Money Come From?

In his first term, Governor Scott has vetoed pay equity for women, made massive cuts to the University of Wisconsin (including vital medical research), and has spent thousands on legal defense in a secret "John Doe" investigation. And who is bank-rolling his re-election campaign? Over 70% percent of Governor Walker's massive campaign treasury has come from outside of the state of Wisconsin. It goes to show that those who support the Governor include those who do not have to live with his policies' harsh consequences.



#### <u>5th Annual Freedom</u> Scholarship Essay

Alderwoman Milele A.
Coggs has launched this scholarship challenging students to analyze the concept of freedom in an essay of 1,000 words or less. The deadline falls on August 13, 2012. Applications can be found online at

<u>city.milwaukee.gov/</u> district6

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#### **Conservation Matters**



The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to encouraging lawmakers to champion conservation policies that effectively protect Wisconsin's public health and natural resources. I am proud to have been one of two state Senators recently named as a "Conservation Champion", along with my colleague Senator Fred Risser. I consider

the title "Conservation Champion" a great honor. I recognize that we must not stop now. Wisconsin has been blessed with a rich and beautiful environment. Balancing the exciting growth of industry with the need for a stronger, more agile DNR will be a difficult challenge. I know that my allies and I, with the support of Wisconsin's citizens, are more than up to the task.

### Congratulations Leslie Zukrow!

I would like to recognize one of my young constituents, Leslie Zukrow, for her fine work representing the City of Glendale in the state finals of the National History Day program. Each participant researched a topic in "Revolution, Reaction, and Reform." Ms. Zukrow's project, on the heroic Tuskegee Airmen and the Desegregation of the Military, was judged to be ex-



ceptional. Leslie Zukrow has been named a Special Award Winner. Congratulations, Leslie! With bright young thinkers like you on our side, I cannot help but believe that Wisconsin's best, brightest days are ahead of us!

#### Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"In democracy the poor will have more power than the rich because there are more of them, and the will of the majority is supreme."

- Aristotle



"The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not government officials, but the voters of this country."
-Franklin D.
Roosevelt